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VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

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Re: U.S. Patent Application for "Method and System for Assessing the Photo of a Captured Image in a Digital Still Camera"
HP Docket No.: 10006288-1
Our File No.: 47607-P448US-10105299

Dear Qian:

Enclosed is a copy of the above-identified application for patent. The application is now ready for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Please carefully review the application. If it accurately and adequately describes the invention, each of you should please execute the Declaration and Power of Attorney and Assignment documents, signing your name in blue ink exactly as it is typewritten and dating each document (the Assignment document needs to be dated twice). Also, it is not necessary for the Assignment to be Notarized.

Please review the Declaration/Power of Attorney to be sure your residential addresses are correct, and please write in your country of citizenship in the space provided. Please also note that on a portion of the Declaration, you are acknowledging your duty to disclose to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office information known to be material to the patentability of a pending claim in this application. Such prior art includes relevant patents and printed publications, information concerning public use of methods or apparatus related to your invention, and information on public uses or sales of your own invention (or related methods or apparatus) made more than a year ago. Failure to disclose such prior art may invalidate any patent issuing on the application.

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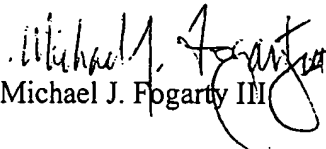
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After execution, please forward the documents return the application, Declaration and Power of Attorney, and Assignment documents to our office, as soon as possible, in order that we may file the application in the Patent and Trademark Office. A pre-paid envelope is enclosed for your convenience.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,


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Enclosures: Assignment, Declaration and Power of Attorney, Application and Formal Drawings